

openings, etc.) and meets with the sponsor. I also make sure that our operations department has the necessary paperwork from the sponsor and I provide our public affairs personnel with information to produce publicity materials and programs. Finally, I forward all of this information to the concert band office, which allows them ample time to assign personnel for the concert.

**What can you tell us about the oboe and its counterpart, the English horn?**

The oboe and English horn use a double-reed which is very different from most other woodwind instruments. We make our reeds ourselves. So, if you see an oboe player “stressed out,” it’s probably because a reed crisis is happening!

**What are your interests when you’re not working?**

Playing with my 4-year-old daughter, gardening, cooking and coming up with home-improvement projects are on the top of my list! By the time this hits the press, I will be looking forward to whatever sleep our newborn allows me!

U.S. NAVY BAND & SPECIALTY UNITS  
2006 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following FREE concerts. For more information call (202) 433-2525.

**U.S. CAPITOL**  
(West Side)  
Mondays, July 10 – August 28 at 8 p.m.

July 10, Country Current  
17, Country Current  
24, Navy Band  
31, Navy Band & Sea Chanters

August 7, Commodores  
14, Navy Band  
21, Navy Band  
28, Navy Band & Sea Chanters

**U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL**  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Tuesdays, July 11 – August 29 at 8 p.m.

July 11, U.S. Marine Band  
18, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers  
25, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

August 1, U.S. Coast Guard Band  
8, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers  
15, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers  
22, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers  
29, Navy Band, Sea Chanters & Cruisers

**SPECIAL CONCERTS**

**Sea Chanters 50th Anniversary Alumni Concert, Sail Loft, Washington Navy Yard**  
**Sunday, August 6, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Sea Chanters**  
**Reservations required, see inside for details.**

**U.S. Navy Band Alumni Concert, U.S. Navy Memorial**  
**Monday, August 7 at 8 p.m.**  
**Navy Band & Sea Chanters**

**Labor Day Concert, U.S. Navy Memorial**  
**Monday, September 4 at 8 p.m.**  
**Navy Band & Sea Chanters**

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**News!** Captain Ralph M. Gambone, Officer in Charge/Leader of the United States Navy Band, offers you, our patrons, an opportunity to influence the programming for this year’s Happy Holidays Concerts. See inside.

**News!** Grand Re-opening and Dedication Ceremony of the historic Sail Loft and Navy Band rehearsal buildings is scheduled for **Sunday, August 6**. A limited number of reservations will be available to the general public. Read on for how to make yours for this and other events associated with Alumni Weekend.

**News!** Alumni Weekend is **August 5, 6 and 7**. Join us for three days of fun, fellowship and fabulous music!

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The Ceremonial Band’s  
“Bread and Butter” Mission

One of the primary missions of the Navy Band is to support events that honor the passages and milestones of military and community life. These ceremonies, whether large or small, are extremely important to those participating, and the Ceremonial Band is always ready to provide music appropriate to the occasion. This versatile ensemble of musicians can adapt to fit any setting, from a single bugler to a 99-piece marching band.

Military funerals constitute the bulk of the performances in the Ceremonial Band schedule, and the numbers are growing. In 2005, the Navy Band completed over 1,000 full and standard honors funerals in support of Arlington National Cemetery. The Band is always ready for the high profile duty of a state funeral procession, such as that of President

Ronald W. Reagan that took place in 2004. Whether performing for an individual or the entire nation, the musicians



The United States Navy Ceremonial Band performs the National Anthem for the crowd at R.F.K. Stadium prior to the May baseball game between the Nationals and the Diamondbacks.

-U.S. Navy Photo by MU1 Mark Morgan

of the Ceremonial Band are honored to bring comfort to those in mourning. The Navy Band supports many other kinds of ceremonial events in the Washington area including retirement ceremonies and changes of command. And what proud foreign dignitary could return to his home country without being able to say that the Navy Band performed for his arrival at the Navy Yard, the Pentagon or the White House? These arrivals



Chief Musician John P. Schroeder plays *Taps* at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., as part of a wreath-laying ceremony performed by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

-U.S. Navy Photo by MU1 Stephen Hassay

are often accompanied by a wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial or the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Occasionally, the Band will travel to perform for the christening of a ship or the rollout of an aircraft. The Ceremonial Band also supports the community by performing parades, military tattoos, and patriotic openings to conferences and large meetings.

Some performances are completely out of the ordinary. The Band played an opening ceremony in May of a

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Performance Calendar

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following FREE concerts. Tickets or reservations are not required unless noted (\*). For more information call (202) 433-2525.

**JULY**  
**NAVY BAND, SEA CHANTERS & CRUISERS**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 8 PM.**  
Concert & Fireworks on the Beach  
Corner of N. Division St. & the Beach  
Ocean City, Md.

**NAVY BAND**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 7 PM.**  
William A. Humbert Amphitheater  
39 Hickory Ave.  
Bel Air, Md.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 7 PM.**  
Mason District Park  
6621 Columbia Pike  
Annandale, Va.

**COMMODORES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 3, 7 PM.**  
Rock Hall Harbor  
21144 Green Lane  
Rock Hall, Md.

**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 7:30 PM.**  
Langley High School  
6520 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, Va.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7, 7 PM.**  
“LA PLATA SUMMER CONCERTS”  
La Plata Town Hall  
5 Garrett Ave.  
La Plata, Md.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2 PM.**  
Shenandoah Valley Music Festival  
Massanutten Military Academy  
Gordon D. Bowman Stadium  
Woodstock, Va.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 7:30 PM.**  
Lake Accotink Park  
7500 Accotink Park Road  
Springfield, Va.

**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 7:30 PM.**  
Lawn Theater (S. Valley Park)  
18850 Montgomery Village Ave.  
Gaithersburg, Md.

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 7 PM.**  
Goucher College  
(Kraushaar Auditorium)  
Towson, Md.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 7:30 PM.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 7 PM.**  
Blackrock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive  
Germantown, Md.

**COUNTRY CURRENT**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 3:30 PM.**  
Hagerstown Community College Amphitheater  
Hagerstown, Md.

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 7 PM.**  
The Harris Pavilion  
9116 Center St.  
Manassas, Va.

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 7 PM.**  
Chambersburg Memorial Park Bandshell  
235 3rd St.  
Chambersburg, Pa.

**CRUISERS**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 21, 7 PM.**  
“LA PLATA SUMMER CONCERTS”  
La Plata Town Hall  
5 Garrett Ave.  
La Plata, Md.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 7 PM.**  
Town Center  
Harrison & Dover Sts.  
Easton, Md.

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 7:30 PM.**  
Lawn Theater (S. Valley Park)  
18850 Montgomery Village Ave.  
Gaithersburg, Md.

**AUGUST**  
**NAVY BAND**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 8 PM.**  
“U.S. NAVY BAND ALUMNI CONCERT”  
U.S. Navy Memorial  
Washington, D.C.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 7 PM.**  
Freedoms Foundation  
at Valley Forge  
1601 Valley Forge Road  
Valley Forge, Pa.

**SEA CHANTERS**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 3:30 PM.\***  
“SEA CHANTERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI CONCERT”  
Sail Loft (Bldg 112)  
617 Warrington Ave., S.E.  
Washington Navy Yard, D.C.

\*reservations required, see inside for details.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 7:30 PM.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:30 PM.**  
Lake Redman  
William Kain County Park  
Jacobus, Pa.

**COMMODORES**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 6 PM.**  
“CRADLE OF INVASION”  
Calvert Marine Museum  
Solomons Island Road (Route 2)  
Solomons, Md.

**COUNTRY CURRENT**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 7:30 PM.**  
Lake Accotink Park  
7500 Accotink Park Road  
Springfield, Va.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 7 PM.**  
Blackrock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive  
Germantown, Md.

**CRUISERS**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 7 PM.**  
Springettsbury Township Park  
1501 Mount Zion Road  
York, Pa.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 7:30 PM.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Bethany Beach, Del.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 5 PM.**  
Downs Park  
8311 John Downs Loop  
Pasadena, Md.

LOOKING AHEAD TO  
SEPTEMBER

**COMMODORES**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NOON**  
U.S. Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**CRUISERS**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8 PM.**  
Bandstand (Boardwalk area)  
Rehoboth Beach, Del.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, NOON**  
U.S. Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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All concert information is accurate at time of publication, though subject to change due to weather and other conditions. For concert updates call the 24-hour Navy Band Performance Calendar at (202) 433-2525, or visit us on the web at [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil).



CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE



Dear Patrons,

We’re in the midst of another great summer of music. Even before we started the season on Memorial Day, the Band played in warmer climates – in the U.S. Virgin Islands – to honor our late shipmate and the Navy’s first African-American Bandmaster, Chief Alton Augustus Adams. This and other ceremonial engagements are chronicled in a feature article in this edition of *fanfare*.


Your United States Navy Band and “Sea Chanters” chorus honored the nation’s fallen at Arlington National Cemetery as our Commander-in-Chief laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Memorial Day. We closed the holiday with a special Concert on the Avenue at the U.S. Navy Memorial.

We once again celebrate the nation’s birthday with a concert on the beach! This will be the third time in the last six years we have played Ocean City, Maryland, on the 4th of July. Members of the Concert Band, Sea Chanters and Cruisers will “put on a show” with hits selected from *Momma Mia*, the Tijuana Brass and Billboard charts of the Seventies. Of course, there will be marches and plenty of patriotic music played before the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Somehow, it seems most appropriate for your Navy Band to be so close to the ocean as we celebrate our country’s 230th Birthday.

I hope you will take the opportunity to hear units of our Navy Band throughout the summer. I would also like to extend my personal invitation to each and every former Navy Band member to participate in this year’s Alumni Weekend, August 5-7. In addition to our traditional Monday night concert, we have an entire weekend of events that includes the official dedication of the renovated Sail Loft on Sunday, August 6 at 2 p.m. This culminates with the Sea Chanters’ 50th Anniversary Alumni Concert at 3:30 p.m.! Details on how our patrons can join in the festivities can be found in this edition of the newsletter and are also available at [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil)

You’ll want to check out the web in the very near future for “Audience Choice.” It polls “your favorites” and will influence our selections on this year’s holiday concerts. We would like to hear from YOU!

Thank you for your continued support of your Navy Band. We appreciate it!

  
Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN  
Officer in Charge/Leader

NOTABLE QUOTES

*“I find [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil) embracing the spirit of the internet in the best sense. ... You can be justifiably proud of the site, which in turn inspires pride in the Navy Band, the Navy, and our country.”*  
clarinet playing patron

*“You have a group of musicians (Cruisers) who are not only wonderful performers on their instruments (vocalists included), but also understand what it means to perform as an ensemble. ... Bravo Zulu.”*

former fleet musician  
now an orchestra  
and jazz ensemble director

*“It was very enjoyable to listen to the very talented Country Current. ... I lived in Nashville before I moved here and I can say these folks are some of the most talented musicians I have seen.”*

former Sailor (1971-1977)

*“Please let the band know the pride they show and the talent of each of the musicians make each one of us proud to call them ‘ours.’”*

Metz Middle School fan

*“We enjoyed and embraced them (U.S. Navy Band) not only as superb musicians but also as individuals of high character. You and your organization should feel proud to have under your command (such) individuals.”*

Chair of Committee for concert in  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

*“This is the first time (we) have seen any of the Navy Band programs, but trust me it won’t be our last. ... FANTASTIC!”*  
Brooklyn Park fan

BREAD AND BUTTER CONTINUED FROM FRONT



The United States Navy Ceremonial Band on the streets of Stockholm, Sweeden in September of 1998.  
-U.S. Navy Photo by MU1 Stephen Hassay

Washington Nationals baseball game. Even more extraordinary

In 2004, the Band traveled to Oslo for the Norwegian

was a recent trip to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, for a ceremony honoring Chief Musician Alton Augustus Adams (1889-1987), the first African-American Bandmaster in the U.S. Navy.

Military Tattoo, which included a parade through the city and a concert in front of the King’s Palace.

Whether performing a funeral for a fallen shipmate or an arrival for a head of state, ceremonial music lends an air of honor, dignity and stirring patriotism to the occasion. For this reason, there will always be a need for the Ceremonial Band, the proud unit responsible for the “bread and butter” mission of the United States Navy Band.*ff*

NEWS CONTINUED FROM FRONT

**5-6-7-8!** The fifth, sixth and seventh of the eighth month promise to be an exciting part of Navy Band history, and you are invited to be a part of it! **Saturday, August 5** hosts Sea Chanters past and present as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary with traditions old and new. Navy Band Public Affairs inaugurates its living histories initiative and welcomes “sea stories” and other chronicles of the past half-century. The singers, conductors and instrumentalists will be rehearsing for a special Anniversary Concert on Sunday and the Alumni Concert on Monday – both of which are free and open to the public. **Sunday, August 6** gets underway with the Grand Re-opening and Dedication Ceremony at 2 p.m. Immediately following, guests will be treated to building tours, and at 3:30 p.m. the “Sea Chanters” chorus will present a 90-minute celebration of 50 years of service as a presidential support unit. You’re bound to relive some cherished moments and establish some new favorites, so be sure to RSVP for these special events by e-mailing us at [navyband.public.affairs@navy.mil](mailto:navyband.public.affairs@navy.mil) or by leaving a message at **(202) 433-2525**.

Please be sure to provide your name and a daytime phone number to confirm your reservation and to discuss parking and security details.

**Monday, August 7** finds Band alumni rehearsing in the Sail Loft for the evening concert which will be held at the U.S. Navy Memorial at 8 p.m. The “Commodores” jazz ensemble perform as part of the weekly Monday night concert series on the West Side of the U.S. Capitol. Neither of these outdoor concerts requires tickets or reservations.

A hundred years ago, the Washington Navy Yard was the “go-to” place to see the latest and greatest the Navy had to offer. The same holds true this century. So remember to “count off” the days to this once-in-a-lifetime series of celebrations – **5-6-7-8!ff**

And the Winner Is...

Xavier Verna, from Thomas A. Edison High School in Alexandria, Va., is the winner of the Navy Band High School Concerto Competition for 2006! On May 19 his dazzling marimba interpretation of Saint-Saëns’ “Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso,” with Captain Ralph M. Gambone conducting the Band, brought the audience to its feet at West Springfield High School in Springfield, Va. Congratulations to runner-



Xavier Verna, winner of the 6th Annual High School Concerto Competition, performs marimba with Captain Ralph M. Gambone conducting the Navy Band at West Springfield High School on May 19, 2006.

-U.S. Navy Photo by MU1 Adam K. Grimm

up Luke Fitzpatrick, flautist from Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, Md.,

and to all of the young musicians who participated in the competition.*ff*

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STAFF

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CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Senior Chief Musician Michael A. McDonald** and **Chief Musicians Lana M. Haley, Karl M. Hovey** and **Christopher J. Walker** and **Musician First Class Stacey B. Loggins** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. ...and to **Musicians First Class Brad M. Corbin, Christopher J. DeChiara, Emily J. Dickson, Luis Hernandez, Daniel LaMaestra, Rachel N. Malone, Christina S. Phillips, Beth E. Revell, Shana Leigh Sullivan** and **Christopher M. Trupe** on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal...and to **Chief Musician Karl Hovey** on his selection as Chief of the Quarter for the period of January through March 2006....and to **Musician First Class Adrienne S. Welker** for her selection as Sailor of the Quarter for the for the period of January through March 2006.

WELCOME ABOARD TO...

**Ensign Patrick K. Sweeten**, who reports to the Navy Band as Administrative Officer after receiving his commission and completing Limited Duty Officer (LDO) school.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO...

**Lieutenant Junior Grade T. David Evans**, Administrative Officer for the Navy Band, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his transfer to Naples, Italy, to become Director, SIXTH Fleet Band ... and to **Master Chief Musician William Krantz**, Specialty Units Chief-in-Charge, who received the Meritorious Service Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of service.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Oboist, **Musician First Class Ruth J. Keehner**, schedules the Navy Band “beltway series” of concerts throughout the school year. Today we’ll discover just how she finds concert sites for the Navy Band and coordinates all the details necessary to bring “The World’s Finest” to you!

**Tell us a little about your early years.**  
I grew up in the tiny midwestern town of Gardner, Kansas - population 2,500. I was the only person my band director ever started on oboe - all because my older brother and sister coached me to blow air into the mouthpiece as hard as I could for my 4th grade band auditions! I had no idea where the oboe would take me, but playing in the Kansas City Youth Symphony convinced me to study music in college. The next six years of my life were spent at Wichita State University and the Juilliard School. After college, I got married, worked as a freelance musician in New York, and then moved to Bellingham, Washington, to perform in a chamber orchestra.

**You book an entire series of Navy Band concerts. Can you explain how this works?**  
First, after available dates are determined, I begin searching for sponsors. The halls in which we perform must have a stage large enough to fit the entire ensemble of 55 musicians. Because many high school facilities are not designed to accommodate such large groups, appropriate venues are surprisingly hard to find. Our stage crew is the next consideration. I try to find sites where miracles are not required to get a truckload of equipment into the building. In preparation, our advance team drives to the concert site, records driving directions, takes measurements (stage, door

CONTINUED ON BACK PANEL...

Help us program the Holiday Concert!

Captain Gambone wants to hear from you! Look for our "Audience Choice" poll on the web at [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil). As we go to press, details are pending, so *if you are unable to submit your selections from the web*, please fill out the overview printed here and mail to us :

U.S. NAVY BAND  
HOLIDAY POLL  
P.O. BOX 70271  
WASHINGTON, DC 20024-0271

Indicate the styles of music you would most like to hear on the 2006 Navy Band holiday concert by placing a mark to the left of the category. The line to the right affords an opportunity to include specific titles dear to your heart. For example: ☒Country Belleau Wood. Our website includes a complete list of selections performed during Captain Gambone’s tenure, found under each category.

<input type="checkbox"/> Classical	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm and Blues	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Carols	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock and Roll	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Country-Bluegrass	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Popular Standards	_____
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Have you heard the concerts:

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Thank you.

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